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For: MULTILAYER GOLF BALL WITH A THIN
THERMOSET OUTER LAYER

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 19, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Please amend the claims as follows:

46. (Amended) A method of forming a golf ball comprising the steps of:
forming a core comprising:
 - a solid center made from a first rubber based material;
 - a solid outer layer made from a second rubber based material having different physical properties from said first rubber based material;
 - forming an inner cover layer made from a material having a first shore D hardness from about 65 to about 74 shore D and having an outer diameter of at least 1.6 inches;
 - casting an outer cover layer made from a material having a second shore D hardness less than the first shore D hardness of the material of the inner cover layer.